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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No.: 10/823,208

Applicants: John Hill and Joseph Henry Hill

Filed: April 12, 2004

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HOLDING AND  
POSITIONING A PIPE DURING THE INSTALLATION THEREOF

TC/A.U.: 3632

Examiner: Anita M. King

Attorney Docket No.: JH-1

Asheville, North Carolina  
September 28, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2005. Kindly amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page  
2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.